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This preliminary draft restores the Special Occupational Training pilot program for Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants that was administered by the Department of Workforce Development, as enacted under 2011 Wisconsin Act 123 (which expired on July 1, 2013), with the following changes:

1. As in LRB-1005/2, the draft increases the maximum number of hours per week that a claimant may participate in special occupational training under the program from 24 to 40 hours per week, removes the 20 hour per week minimum for participation, and requires DWD to waive the UI work search and registration requirements for claimants who receive at least 24 hours of occupational training under the program.
2. The draft specifically requires DWD to establish the program in the same three areas for which DWD implemented the program under 2011 Wisconsin Act 123.
3. The draft sunsets the program after two years following enactment.
4. The draft requires a report about the program to the legislature and the governor after 22 months so that the report is delivered in time for the legislature and the governor to consider further extending the program.

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